

Please amend Claims 2-19. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i-ii).

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2. (Amended) A tablet comprising a core and a coating thereof, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is an aliphatic amine polymer selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted and N-substituted poly(allylamine), poly(diallylamine), and poly(vinylamine).
3. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 2 wherein the N-substituents are selected from the group consisting of substituted and unsubstituted C₁-C₂₄-alkyl groups.
4. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 3 wherein the alkyl substituents are trialkylammonioalkyl groups.
5. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 2 wherein the aliphatic amine polymer is cross-linked.
6. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 2 further comprising one or more excipients.
7. (Amended) A tablet comprising a core and a coating therefor, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is a linear or cross-linked poly(allylamine) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
8. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 7 wherein the poly(allylamine) is hydrated.
9. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 8 wherein the poly(allylamine) comprises from about 3% to about 10% water.
10. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 9 wherein the poly(allylamine) comprises from about 5% to about 8% water.

11. (Amended) The tablet of Claim 10 wherein the polyallylamine is from about 1% to about 10% cross-linked.
12. (Amended) A tablet comprising a core and a coating therefor, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is a hydrated cross-linked poly(allylamine hydrochloride).
13. (Amended) The tablet of claim 2 wherein the coating is a water-based coating.
14. (Amended) The tablet of claim 7 wherein the coating is a water-based coating.
15. (Amended) The tablet of claim 14 wherein said water-based coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and a plasticizer.
16. (Amended) The tablet of claim 15 wherein said water-based coating comprises hydroxypropylmethylcellulose low viscosity, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose high viscosity, and diacetylated monoglyceride.
17. (Amended) The tablet of claim 2 wherein said polymer is polydiallylamine.
18. (Amended) The tablet of claim 17 wherein said tablet further comprises a water-based coating.
19. (Amended) A compressed tablet comprising a pharmaceutically active agent and an effective disintegrating amount of polyallylamine or a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid.

Please add new Claims 22-23.

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22. (New) A tablet comprising a core and a coating therefor, wherein at least about 95% by weight of the core is a linear or cross-linked poly(allylamine) or a pharmaceutically